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FUNDS FOR SAFETY OF TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to change the time schedule of Tiger-Census with a view to protect the wild life;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there have been deaths of tigers during the last three years and the current year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the population of tigers has increased in the country; and

(f) if so, the total amount of fund allocated and utilised for safety and protection of tigers in the country during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) The country level tiger estimation using the refined methodology is done once in every four years for an assessment of the status of tigers, co-predators, prey animals and habitat. Besides, action has been taken for intensive monitoring of reserve-wise tiger status by respective tiger States.

(c) & (d) The details of tiger mortality during the last three years and current year, as reported by States, are at Annexure-I.

(e) The country level tiger population has shown an increasing trend with a population estimate of 1706, upper and lower limits being 1520 and 1909 respectively in the recent all India estimation (2010), as compared to the last country level estimation of 2006, with an estimate of 1411, upper and lower limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively.

(f) The details of funding support provided to States and their utilization are at Annexure-II.